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TO AMEMBASSY LIMA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: GOLD OF PERU EXHIBITION

1. AT REQUEST OF CURATOR OF NEW YORK CULTURAL CENTER (NYCC), DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO PREPARE AND DELIVER A NOTE IN NAME OF AMBASSADOR TO PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ASKING GOP APPROVAL OF THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF A COLLECTION NOW HOUSED AT LIMA'S GOLD MUSEUM FOR PURPOSE OF EXHIBITING THEM IN THE US. NO USG SURETY FOR ITEMS IS IMPLIED BY THIS REQUEST.

2. NYCC PLANS TO SCHEDULE EXHIBITION ENTITLED GOLD OF PERU FROM JULY 17 TO SEPTEMBER 28. SOW CONSISTS OF 250 PIECES OF PRIVATE COLLECTION OF EX-PRIME MINISTER MIGUEL MUJICA GALLO, WHICH ARE NORMALLY DISPLAYED IN LIMA'S GOLD MUSEUM. EXHIBITION APPARENTLY IS INITIATIVE OF ROBERT BOOTH, PROPRIETOR OF MANAGEMENT MARKETING CORPORATION OF LIMA AND FORMERLY BRANIFF VICE PRESIDENT FOR SALES. HE HAS BEEN ASSISTED ON US END BY THOMAS KING OF DALLAS, A BRANIFF VICE PRESIDENT. ACCORDING TO KING, BOOTH HAS ALREADY OBTAINED PRELIMINARY BLESSING FOR EXHIBITION FROM MARTA HILDEBRAND, DIRECTOR OF PERUVIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURE. KING SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS FROM THE GOLD MUSEUM WERE SHOWN IN THE

US IN 1965-66 AND IN MEXICO CITY FROM DECEMBER 1973 TO JUNE 1974.

3. ACCORDING TO KING, GOP INFORMED BOOTH (WHO, IN TURN, INFORMED NEW YORK CULTURAL CENTER) THAT, BEFORE IT WOULD PERMIT EXPORT OF GOLD ARTIFACTS FOR EXHIBITION, IT WOULD REQUIRE FOLLOWING: (A) RECOMMENDATION OF PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENDORSING THE EXHIBITION, AND (B) A NOTE FROM U.S. AMBASSADOR IN LIMA TO FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTING GOP'S FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO PERMIT EXPORT OF ITEMS FOR EXHIBITION.

4. ON JUNE 16, LESLIE COHEN -- CURATOR OF NEW YORK CULTURAL CENTER -- ASKED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST YOU TO PREPARE AND DELIVER DESIRED NOTE TO GOP. SHE INFORMED US THAT AMBASSADOR ARCE HAS ALREADY SENT HIS RECOMMENDATION TO LIMA NOTING IMMINENT SHIPPING DEADLINE, SHE REQUESTED THAT WE DELIVER THE NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BEFORE JUNE 21.

5. IF EMBASSY HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MATTER, WE SUGGEST CONTACTING ROBERT BOOTH IN LIMA OR MRS. HILDEBRAND. KISSINGER

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